



**AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
6000 NW 21 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016 1:30 P.M.**

	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 7/15 through 6/16	
		Present	Absent
Vacant			
Joshua Kroon	P	6	0
Ed Kwoka, Chair	P	9	0
John Milledge	A	4	3
Tom Moody 1:34pm	P	6	3
Stephen O'Malley, Vice Chair	P	9	0
Dana Pollitt	P	6	3
Ed Rebholz	A	8	1
Mark Volchek	A	7	2
John Watt	A	7	2
Pamela Bushnell, Vice Mayor	A	8	1
City of Tamarac [non-voting]			
Jeff Helyer, City of Oakland Park [non-voting]	P	9	0

Airport Staff

Julie Leonard, Transportation and Mobility Deputy Director
Rufus A. James, Airport Manager
Carlton Harrison, Assistant Airport Manager
Spencer Thornton, Assistant Airport Manager
Florence Straugh, Noise Abatement Officer
Karen Reese, Business Assistance Coordinator
Diana McDowell, Administrative Assistant II
Fernando Blanco, Airport Engineer
Travis Bryan, Operations Supervisor
Donna Varisco, Administrative Assistant I

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kwoka called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

Mr. Moody arrived after roll was called.

VOTING ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of April 28, 2016 and May 2, 2016 Meetings

Motion was made by Mr. Kroon and seconded by Vice Chair O'Malley to approve the April 28, 2016 minutes. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chair O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Kroon to approve the May 26, 2016 minutes. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously

2. Runway Pavement Rehabilitation – Project 11998 – Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Pollitt and seconded by Vice Chair O'Malley to support staff's recommendation. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

3. Runway Incursion Mitigation – Federal Aviation Administration Grant Application – Project 12206

Motion was made by Vice Chair O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Moody to support staff's recommendation. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously

4. Amended Lease Agreement with W. Aviation for Parcels 8AB

Motion was made by Mr. Pollitt and seconded by Vice Chair O'Malley to support staff's recommendation. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ITEMS

A. Noise Compatibility Program

Ms. Straugh gave an update.

She invited the Board to the Noise Abatement Workshop FFE is hosting for active pilots, on Wednesday, June 29, to discuss FFE's noise abatement measures to reduce aircraft noise over the neighborhoods and to get feedback on the noise abatement program.

She told the Board that we are in the process of upgrading our Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS). The upgrade will be fully cloud based and data hosted. She advised that during the upgrade, we may encounter difficulties in working out some of the issues and glitches, and therefore, we may not have operations to report next month.

B. Development and Construction

Mr. Harrison provided an update,

C. Arrearages

Ms. McDowell reported that there are no arrearages in fuel or rent.

D. Communications to the City Commission

The Board had nothing to communicate to the City Commission.

E. FLL Update

Ms. Straugh provided an update,

She announced the next Broward County Airport Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC) meeting would be Monday, September 12, 2016, at the Broward County Aviation Department offices.

Chairman Kwoka asked Ms. Straugh if those ANAC meetings are well attended.

She responded that there are about a dozen folks in the general section, a representative, and a backup for each noise monitor.

Other Items and Information

Chairman Kwoka advised the Board that the FAA's Rule (Part 107) would go into effect in August. He told the Board that the FAA has unilaterally passed this Rule which gives the operator of a small UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) permission to do just about anything they want, including commercial operations and operating in regulated airspace, with the approval of Air Traffic Control.

He shared that the operators of small UAV's (55 lbs. and under) would be required to obtain certification by passing an FAA-approved written test, unless they already hold a pilot's license, then they just have to apply. He mentioned that the ceiling for the UAV's is 400 feet and travel up to 85 knots (100mph), under 400 feet.

Ms. Straugh added that she met with a commercial user and she is interested in hearing more about the user/working group they have put together in order to be well informed about their activities, and to try to get a safety message out regarding where they are and are not permitted to fly. She mentioned that commercial users would have to contact the Tower as well as the Airport for permission.

Chairman Kwoka asked if that would also apply to recreational users.

Ms. Straugh responded that they would only contact the Airport, if there were no Tower at the airport.

Vice Chair O'Malley shared that he recently attended a District I pre Commission meeting with Commissioner Roberts and a constituent asked about the chances of having a dog park at the Airport since Pompano has one. Vice Mayor O'Malley told the District I group he would bring the question before the Aviation Advisory Board.

Mr. James responded that unless the FAA's local ADO Office (Airport District Office) in Orlando, approved the park, confirming what funds were used to build that dog park, and if it is actually on Airport property, there would be compliance issues. If it were on City property next to Airport property, there would not be a problem,

Mr. James announced the Global Entry kiosk, the first of its kind at a General Aviation airport, is up and running at the FXE Customs Building. This will make the process of clearing Customs easier for pilots and passengers coming back from international flights, who have global entry clearance privileges. He asked the Board members to share the word, and mentioned that the Airport is working with the City's Public Affairs Office to get a press release out. This helps to bring as much services to the tenants at the Airport making Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport the gateway to the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mr. James updated the Board on Schlitterbahn Water Park stating that the final litigation has been scheduled for some time in August. He said Schlitterbahn is requesting an additional nine-month extension before starting construction, which would require going back to Commission to amend the lease with Schlitterbahn.

Chairman Kwoka asked Mr. James to update the Board on the litigation involving the parcel adjacent to the Sheltair property (Parcel 9),.

Mr. James responded by reminding the Board that when Parcel 9 was acquired by Sheltair, at that time, parcels 32 & 33 were also presented before the Board, which would have incorporated the fee simple piece to be occupied by BurgerFi. When the Commission approved this lease, CPC bought the mortgage on the fee simple property making it difficult for Sheltair to track or keep the relationship with BurgerFi. When CPC realized that the fee simple property did not have direct access to the airfield, they sued Sheltair and the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. James informed the Board that he just got word from our City Attorney's Office that the part of the lawsuit involving the City was kicked out, but CPC will continue its suit with Sheltair.

What went unnoticed by CPC was: when the lease on Parcel 9 was originally done, back in 2008, it had language in it stating, that if at any point the lease would terminate or would change ownership, the through the fence right would go away.

Mr. James continued by saying that Sheltair is diligently working on doing the site plan prep and once the construction officially starts, the construction fencing will go up denying access, at that point to the airfield. Right now, Aero Toy Store still uses it for their interior shop.

Mr. Pollitt asked what the fee simple property sold for; and Mr. James responded that he believes CPC paid either \$1.5 or \$1.6 million.

As a point of interest, Mr. Moody mentioned that when he cleared Customs recently, there was a group of four planes that had flown directly in from Havana, Cuba, for the first time.

Mr. James responded to Mr. Moody's point confirming that FXE is now allowed to accept flights from Cuba. He told the Board that there has to be an official reason to go to Cuba and that the process involves obtaining permission from the federal government office out of Washington, D.C. Once processed, you can come back through FXE to clear customs and have the added benefit of global entry.

Mr. Pollitt asked if flights to Cuba could originate from FXE; Mr. James confirmed that they could. He also mentioned that the press release Public Affairs is working on would also contain this information.

He added that as far as he knows, FXE is the only General Aviation Airport that can process flights to and from Cuba.

This is another adage to the continuous work efforts we have with Customs & Board Protection; being able to help the tenants of the airfield grow their businesses

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

➤ Next scheduled meeting August 25, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Donna Varisco

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